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City of Windsor



EXECUTIVE OFFICE

MICHAEL PATRICK
MAYOR

Message From The Mayor:

Various city departments will be reporting on their accomplishments during the year 1962. I feel it is my duty, as the executive head of Windsor's civic administration to outline plans for 1963 and future years.

Some projects are already underway, the new Tourist Centre has now been opened and the construction of the new County Court House has started. Demolition in Area Number Two is progressing as planned and we have hopes for major prestige buildings to be located in this downtown development. Jackson Park overpass, which has been opened to traffic, facilitates the flow of tourists into the central business district. Windsor Harbour facilities will be greatly expanded, and the street lighting program will be extended to include many of the main thoroughfares. Assumption University is now known as The University of Windsor and has an accelerated program of building and development.

The new feeling in the air is infectious and it is sparked by an optimism created by the Greater Windsor Foundation to work in collaboration with the Industrial Commission and the Tourist and Convention Bureau to revitalize our faith and confidence in the potential of our community. Windsor is to be known as the "Rose City" and all civic departments as well as all our citizens will be proud and happy to each in his own way continue to promote the industrial, cultural and social well-being of our community.

Michael J. Patrick

Michael Patrick,
Mayor,
City of Windsor.

YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATION

A Message from your City Manager

This annual report was authorized by Council for our citizens to promote their active interest in their City government.

The objectives of the City Council and its endeavors to continue the progress and planning of our City affairs have been faithfully supported by all Department Heads and their employees. Full recognition is given to the fine co-operation by all boards and commissions, with whom we have worked in complete harmony. The press and radio have provided the citizens with excellent coverage of the City's operations and achievements. Among these in 1962 were: the successful operation of Huron Lodge in its first complete year, completion of 156 housing units in Phase I of the Redevelopment program, organization and operation of the new garage for city vehicles, completion of the Jackson Park overpass, completion of Area "G" (Church Street) Relief Sewer and the preparation and approval of plans for the Area "C" (Kildare Road) Relief Sewer, and the initiation of a Traffic and Transportation Study.

In 1962 the Council's application for the annexation of certain suburban areas was heard by The Ontario Municipal Board. The Interim Report which resulted from this hearing was a very great disappointment to the City Council and to the administration who remain firm in the opinion that the City of Windsor and the urban area around it is a single economic and social

unit and that the growth and prosperity of the whole area can only be retarded by development under eight separate municipal governments. It is hoped that when The Ontario Municipal Board has had time to consider the evidence produced during the weeks of the hearing, it will take constructive action necessary to adjust these conditions.

Every age has had its urban problems and this is the age of the automobile which has inescapable impact on urban areas. We have made good progress in keeping our very heavy volume of traffic moving and it is hoped that the Traffic and Transportation report will help us to provide solutions to our future traffic problems.

Many matters which, years ago, seemed insurmountable, have been solved. Those of today, such as more and better services and improved housing will be solved by this and future City Councils with the patient understanding of the citizens who are prepared to strike a balance between the desire and need for additional services and the provision of funds through taxes to provide them.

E. Royden Colter



Front Row—R. T. Bailey—Commissioner of Works; J. B. Adamac—City Clerk; E. Royden Colter—City Manager; E. J. Langlois—Commissioner of Finance; E. S. Wiley—Traffic Engineering Director.

Back Row—H. A. Bird—Director Emergency Measures; W. G. Gardner—Director of Social Services; Patrick Maguire—Building Commissioner; L. R. Keddy—Director of Planning and Urban Renewal; R. May—Fire Chief; H. O. Brumpton—Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; N. E. Burbridge—Purchasing Agent; William Morrison—Personnel Director; T. G. Boyd—Assessment Commissioner; John Davenport—Superintendent of Huron Lodge; S. A. Tarleton—Property Director and Market Clerk.

DOG LICENSES



During 1962, a city by-law was passed regarding the licensing of dogs. This law increased the license fee as well as providing a penalty for anyone failing to obtain a license before June 30th.



To instruct election personnel in their duties for civic elections, a sound movie in colour was produced by the City Clerk's Dept. It is believed that this is the first film of this type to be produced by any Canadian municipality.

CITY CLERK, SOLICITOR, AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENTS

The pictures on this page show some of the responsibilities of these three departments. For instance, a municipal election is one of the tasks under the direction of the City Clerk's Dept. As noted below, this dept. was instrumental in producing the instructional film used to familiarize election workers with correct election procedures. This film will be used for this purpose as long as election procedures do not change radically. Incidentally, the voter turnout for the last election was 51.26%—a figure every Windsor citizen should strive to increase.

Municipal government, during the past decade, has become more and more complex. Because of this, it is necessary that the Council and the many civic departments be assisted and guided by a qualified

Legal Department. Preparation of all Legal Documents and representing the City in litigation are also responsibilities of this dept. During 1962, this dept. participated in the disposition of about 400 assessment appeals to the County Judge as well as a number of similar appeals to The Ontario Municipal Board.

Centralized purchasing continues to be an important factor in obtaining maximum value for every dollar spent. During 1962, the Purchasing Dept. processed 11,137 purchase orders totalling \$1,050,000. Seventy-three formal tenders were called covering sewer and pavement construction, major maintenance work, and motorized equipment, boiler installations—to name just a few.

SOLICITOR



Mr. J. E. Watson, Q.C., City Solicitor, is shown above conferring with some of the members of the Annual Report Committee.

PURCHASING



Here is a view of a typical Public Tender Opening, in this particular instance for a sewer contract.

PERSONNEL,

PROPERTY, E.M.O., AND

BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

The Personnel Department is consulted when positions become vacant, to screen and test applicants to make sure their aptitudes are adequate for the position open.

The City of Windsor Housing Company Limited comes under the supervision of the Property Dept. Its main function is to construct housing for Windsor's senior citizens.

Several city departments participated in the

instructional courses put on by the Emergency Measures Organization.

The primary function of the Building Department is to exercise control under council policies, to insure that the health, fire and structural sufficiencies of buildings are maintained. It enforces statutory requirements as well as municipal By-laws pertaining to the zoning, building, plumbing and heating codes.

E.M.O.



Here, a team of city employees is shown training under the direction of the Emergency Measures Organization.

BUILDING



The Building Dept. inspects over 2000 signs each year. Above, inspectors are checking the huge "Welcome" sign situated on the roof of the Tunnel Ventilator Building.

PERSONNEL



Personnel Dept. carries out preliminary negotiations with all civic unions prior to meetings with the City Manager and ratification by Council.

PROPERTY



Typical housing units constructed by the city for its senior citizens. At present there are 108 for married couples and 36 for single people. All are managed by the Property Dept.



The Windsor Community Centre Program covers activities of interest to all ages. The Millinery Class shown here is one of many.



Healthy Winter exercise is enjoyed on the Lions' and Optimists' artificial ice rinks. Thirty natural ice rinks are also flooded by the city.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES ARE FOR EVERYONE

Windsor, a city of trees, portrays a pleasant image to both residents and tourists. Windsor's many fine parks and playgrounds show marked improvement each year. The trimming of trees, the addition of park shelters, rejuvenation of turf areas, the use of brightly coloured paint on playground equipment and improved park lighting program are all part of a plan for Better Parks for Better Living.

During July and August, 27 playgrounds are supervised by a staff of 43 well-trained leaders. An extensive handicraft program resulting in a city-wide display is one of the highlights of the summer season. Other city-wide events include: a soap box derby, Rotary and Lions swimming meets and a playground Field Day.

Fifty-three qualified swimming instructors were employed this year. Windsor's five high school swimming pools and three city-owned outdoor swimming pools provide both instructional and recreational swimming opportunities. Some 2,400 children were enrolled in learn-to-swim classes.

Citizen interest in Community Centre activities continues to grow. Additional golf, sewing and millinery classes were required to handle an overflow enrollment. Growing membership was experienced in many other activities such as the Horticultural, Aquar-

ium and Astronomical Societies. An expanded Youth Program at the A.K.O. Community Centre provides a wholesome outlet for today's exuberant youth.

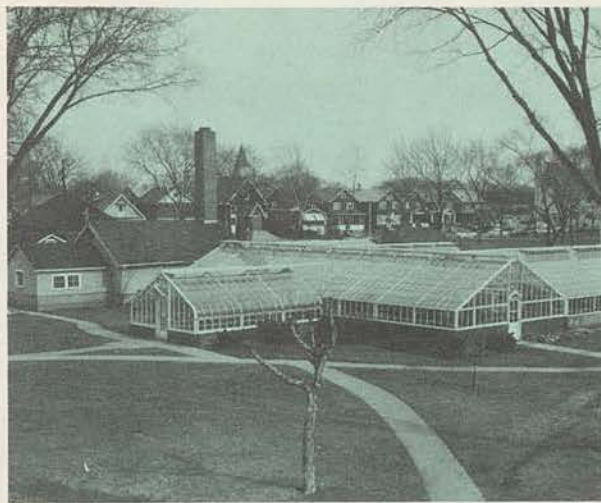
The forestry and landscape division continued to beautify Windsor by planting 109,284 flowering plants, 2,500 shade and flowering trees in parks and on boulevards. Success has been attained in brightening downtown parking lots by the addition of grass borders and flowering trees.



Many youngsters enjoy the fish derby sponsored by the Windsor Sportsmen's Association and the Parks and Recreation Dept.



This beautifully-designed and practical, all-purpose building in Prince of Wales Park incorporates concession space, recreation facilities and Comfort Stations.



Greenhouse installation in Lanspeary Park provides nursery space for the annual propagation of 150,000 plants for use in Windsor's many parks.



Windsor Stadium's facilities are well used by the Greater Windsor Area's schools. Many athletes who had their start here went on to become nationally famous.



City "foresters" are waging a continuing battle to save Windsor's 7,000 trees from extinction. The quick removal of infected trees prevents the spread of Dutch Elm disease.



The annual "Mum Show" of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation is held each November at Lanspeary Park Greenhouses. Old timers have been attending this show for over 30 years.



All games and practices of Windsor's Bantam and Pee Wee Hockey League teams are carried out under the expert supervision of trained coaches. The emphasis of this program is on fun and sportsmanship.

These six new trucks are part of the sub-fleet of extra-duty trucks, with a Gross Vehicle Weight rating of 28,000 lbs. The dept. is gradually acquiring sub-fleets of various sizes and types, to create greater economy in both operation and maintenance.



Here is one of the new and larger trucks being used with a snow blower. Because of its size, fewer trips are needed to the dumping area.



These huge street flushers hold 3,000 Imperial Gallons of water to replace four older and much smaller units. This is another example of how the Dept. of Public Works is always striving for better service and greater economy.



EQUIPMENT ROADS AND BRIDGES



This is a view of Wyandotte Street East looking toward downtown from Argyle Rd. The road has been resurfaced with asphalt, curbs and sidewalks have been either repaired or replaced.



Windsor's new highway entrance, the Jackson Park Overpass. This modern, four-lane road is an extension of Ouellette Ave. running south over the C.P.R. tracks and relieving the extremely heavy traffic burden formerly carried by Dougall Ave.

DEPARTMENT P



Riverside Drive, east of the C.N.R. Overpass, has been rebuilt and sidewalks were moved back and re-aligned to permit a pavement width of at least forty feet. This allows four lanes of moving traffic during rush hours, giving a fast and even flow of traffic into the downtown area.

survey crew stakes out work to be done on Erie St. West. The pt. undertakes much of the engineering work itself.



Certain types of sewers, such as drainage systems, have their outlets in the Detroit River. This one, at the foot of Askin Boulevard is new and replaces the old and smaller one which had worn out.

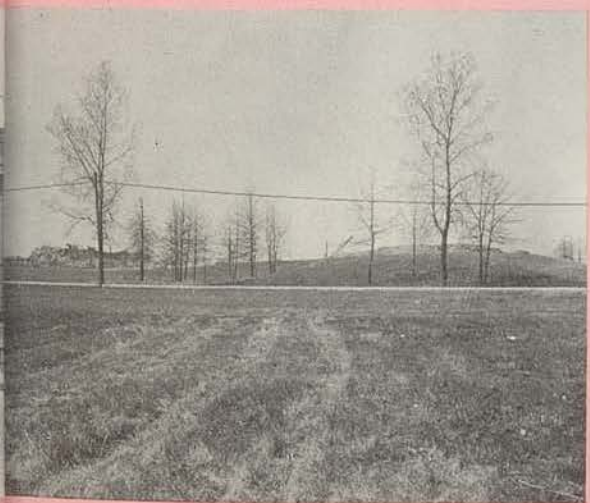


In order to avoid interrupting daytime deliveries in the downtown business section, refuse collection is now carried out during the nighttime hours. This also permits the sanitation crews to get through their route with a minimum of delays.



PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING, SEWERS AND SANITATION



refuse collected in the city is deposited and covered at this location, Sanitary Landfill on Malden Road. This not only makes the disposal refuse economical, but, future plans call for a Civic Golf Course and Hill to be built on this spot.

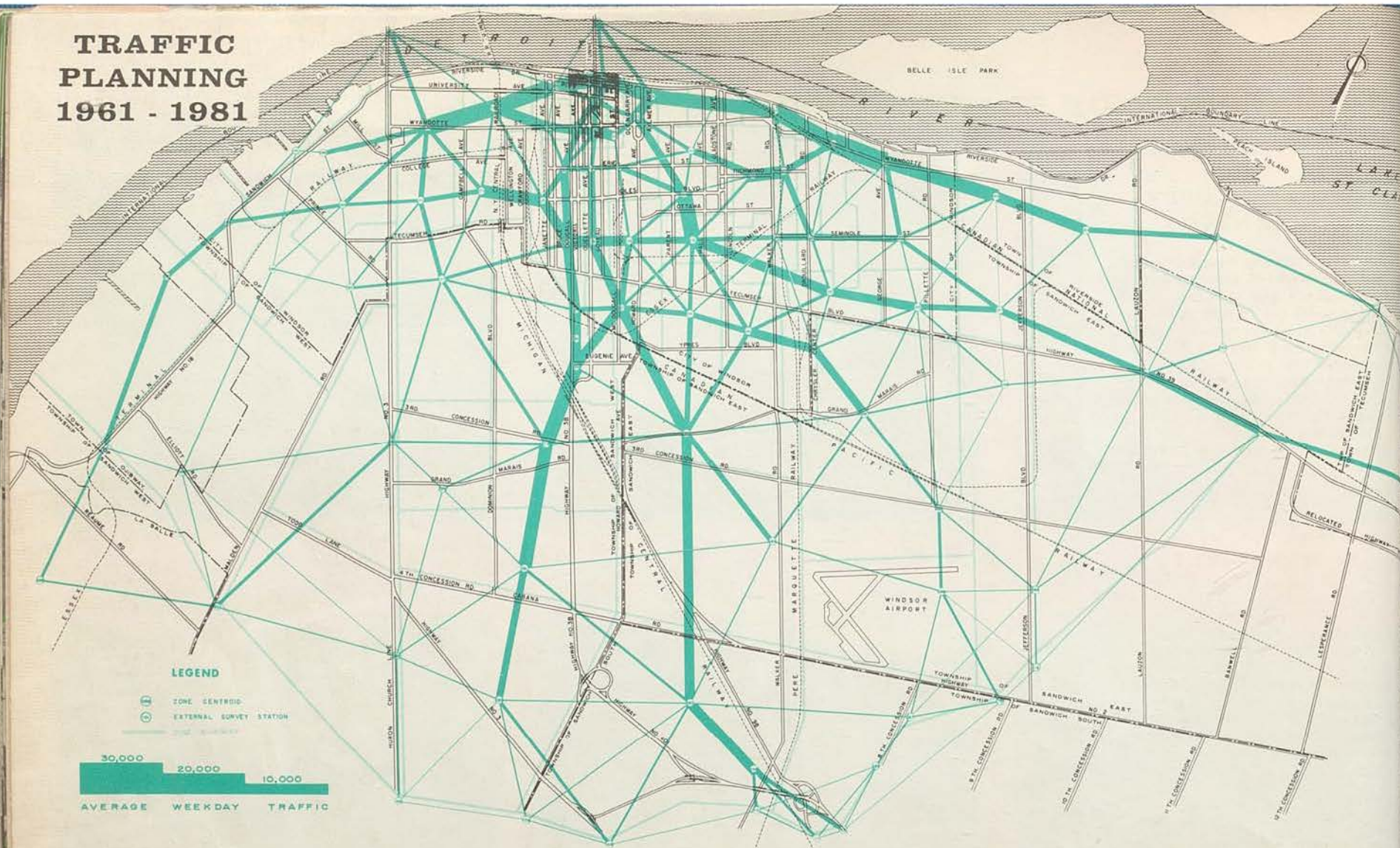


A considerable amount of curb and sidewalk repairing and replacing is going on continually. Shown is a section on the North side of Erie Street between Howard Ave. and Lillian Street before repairs were made.



This shows the tremendous difference in both appearance and safety made by this comparatively minor repair job. Careful supervision and quality control checks of materials assure long life.

TRAFFIC PLANNING 1961 - 1981



COMPOSITE OF ALL TRIPS - 1961

A major traffic and transportation study of all traffic in the metropolitan traffic area has now been completed. The plate above, which is part of the study, shows the traffic picture for the complete year of 1961. It illustrates a composite of all average weekday trips based on the origination and destination survey throughout the area. This type of information enables the Traffic Engineering Dept. to develop a comprehensive plan to satisfy present as well as future traffic requirements of the City of Windsor and its surrounding area. The specific objectives of

such a plan include:

1. Development of a major street and roadway plan for improvement of local area circulation.
2. The development of a realistic schedule of street improvements paralleling increasing traffic needs.
3. Evaluation of the present Detroit River crossings from both operational and traffic desire standpoints, with a view towards the future

need for the location of any additional river crossings.

4. The development of a system of Highway Connecting Links to serve the needs of both local and through traffic movements.

It is interesting to note that during the Origination and Destination Survey, 23,372 drivers were interviewed at 14 external stations and 44,864 at 14 internal stations for a grand total of 68,236 personal roadside interviews.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL

WHAT IS CITY PLANNING?

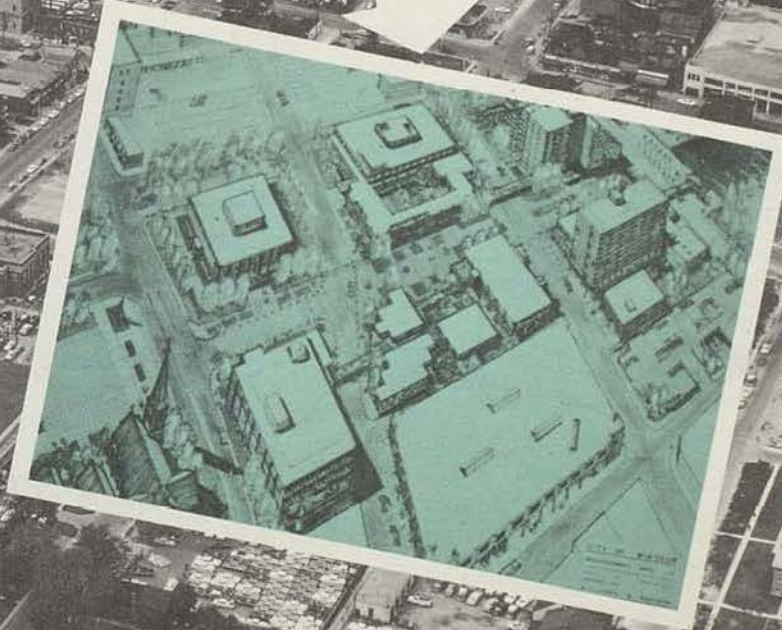
City Planning means anticipating the needs of the city for the years ahead and planning so that these needs can be met in the easiest and most economical manner. Your Planning Dept. is comprised of people with experience and vision—people who will guide the city's development along the best physical, social and economic lines for its present citizens and for those who will come along in the future.

WHAT IS URBAN RENEWAL?

Urban Renewal is an integral part of City Planning. The City and senior governments are always on the lookout for areas which are going downhill or are in danger of becoming slum areas. When these are noted, the area is cleared and new developments are located there which fit in with the overall plan of city development.

PLANNING AND RENEWAL PROBLEMS ARE CONTINUALLY BEING STUDIED IN DETAIL BY THE PROFESSIONAL PLANNING STAFF OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

CITY PLANNING IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Dept. is constantly studying and training personnel in the latest methods of prevention and the fighting of fires. Its studies include the theory of the classroom as well as practical applications under simulated conditions. The latest equipment is used in practice and the most modern phases of fire prevention, life saving and fire fighting methods are adapted. This makes it possible for the dept. to operate efficiently and at a minimum of cost.

As a result of this aggressive training program, the high morale of the personnel and the continuing house-to-house fire inspection program, Windsor's fire losses have been kept at an extremely low level for the past several years.

In 1962, the Fire Dept. responded to 1,460 alarms of which 951 were actual fires with a total loss of approximately \$239,000—a record low for a city of our size and category.

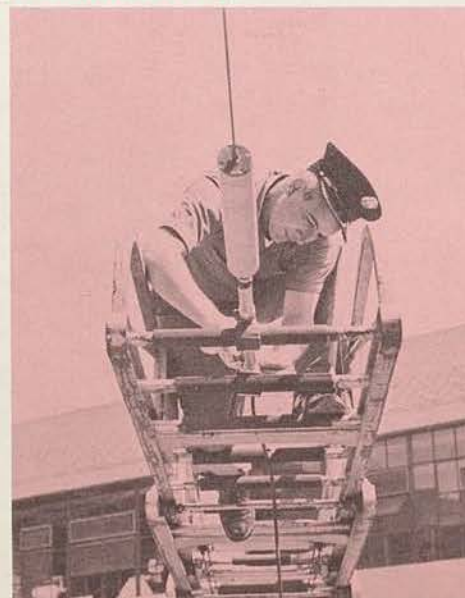
WHILE YOU SLEEP



Here are two typical nighttime fires. They show the fireman and their modern equipment putting out the fire in the shortest possible time to avoid heavy property loss to the owners.



PREPAREDNESS



In case of national emergency, all aerial ladder trucks would be equipped with antennae so that fire dept. radio communications could be maintained.

A FIRST FOR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT



The first Fire Dept. Radiological Monitoring graduation class in Canada. The course was conducted by the Windsor Fire Dept. with the co-operation of the local office of the Emergency Measures Organization.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE INSPECTION PROGRAM



This program assists the citizens in the reduction and elimination of household hazards. Since starting this service in 1960, the dept. has made 15,630 visits, detected 2,630 fire hazards which were usually corrected immediately by the fireman and the householder.

Members of the Assessment Dept. are shown below measuring a recent expansion to a local industry. This is one of the initial steps in the preparation of an equitable assessment.



ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

The Assessment Department is responsible for proper and fair evaluation of all properties within the city limits of Windsor, upon which evaluation property taxes are levied. These property taxes on residential, business, and industrial property provide three-quarters of the Income your city receives to operate its many facilities, such as: fire and police protection; education; parks and recreation; sewers; street maintenance etc.

If a taxpayer feels his assessment is excessive, he may appeal to the Court of Revision. Its sessions are conducted informally so that appellants may present their own case and thus incur no legal fees. Complainants have every opportunity to present their claims. Furthermore, if not satisfied with the decision of this court, they may appeal to a higher authority. Under certain circumstances, appeals may be made for cancellations, reduction or refund of taxes, and for review of Local Improvement charges.

WHAT HOME MAINTENANCE MEANS

Good home maintenance sustains the assessed value of your home—it does not raise it! The repairs and improvements listed below can be made without increasing your taxes providing they are not part of a complete modernization of your property.

INTERIOR

Additional Electrical Circuits—Additional Electrical Outlets—Complete Rewiring—Repairs to Plaster—Redecorating and Painting—Additional Closets—Removal of Partitions to Enlarge Rooms—Removal of "Dated" Woodwork—Replacement of Doors—Replacement of Oil or Gas Burner in Existing Furnace—Repairs to Plumbing Fixtures.

EXTERIOR

Painting—Removal of Dilapidated Shed or Garage—Removal of unused Porch—Removal of "Dated" Exterior Trim—Repairing or replacement of existing Masonry—Repair or replacement of Roof—Addition or Replacement of Eaves—Troughing or Downspouts—Replacement of Doors and Windows—Addition of Storm Doors and Weather Stripping—Fences and Hedges—Sidewalks and Drives—Lawn Sprinkling System—Outdoor Lights.

It pays to repair and maintain your home. If you have any questions, call the Assessment Dept. They will be happy to discuss your problem with you.



The Assessment Commissioner discusses the diplomas of his staff members. All senior assessors have graduated from an intensive three year correspondence course in Assessment Principles and Practice, conducted by Queen's University.

CITY OF WINDSOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1962

The Finance Dept. was responsible in 1962 for receiving and disbursing \$19,587,304.21. It maintains accurate records of all transactions and prepares monthly budget control reports for City Council and all departments of the city.

The department's responsibility also includes: the maintenance of tax records for about 35,000 properties and 4,500 businesses; the preparation of annual budget estimates in co-operation with the City Manager; scrutinizing all purchase orders for authority and sufficiency of funds. A statement of revenues and expenditures appears on these pages.

The City of Windsor is in an enviable financial position in relation to other Canadian cities. The per capita gross debenture debt (\$159.36) of the city is among the lowest of all Canadian cities, as is the debenture debt as a percentage (4.41%) of taxable assessment (\$410,160,488.00).

Tax collections are consistently good. The financial position of the city is looked on favourably by financial institutions, as evidenced by the ease with which the city is able to sell debentures on the open market at very favourable interest rates.

In spite of having issued debentures for \$14,769,380.00 in the last 10 years for Capital Construction and Improvement of Plant, Windsor's Capital Debt at December 31st, 1962 was only \$18,094,960.54 compared with \$15,192,367.49 at the end of 1952. The above \$14,769,380.00 has provided for:

Hospitals	\$ 1,238,000.00
Libraries	142,210.00
Municipal Courts & Ancillary	
Police Buildings	900,000.00
City Hall	2,143,365.00
Clery Auditorium &	
Memorial Convention Hall	1,502,444.00

Home for the Aged	561,246.00
Central Garage	240,000.00
Federal, Provincial &	
Municipal Housing	272,086.00
Herman Collegiate	1,276,621.00
Public Works: Streets, Sewers,	
Sidewalks, Retaining Walls	
etc.	6,493,408.00
	\$14,769,380.00

Windsor is also fortunate in having a Debenture Trust Fund, part of which, subject to approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs, may be used as a capital revolving Fund to finance debentures annually issued for Local Improvements and other Public Works. This is increasing annually and at the end of 1962 amounted to \$4,256,559.11 which may be considered an off-set to reduce gross Debenture Debt.

MONEY WAS RECEIVED FROM THESE SOURCES:

TAXATION
72.28%

GRANTS AND
SUBSIDIES
15.26%

LICENSES
AND PERMITS
1.82%

FINES
AND FEES
1.01%

TRANSFERRED
FROM RESERVES
2.62%

DEBENTURE DEBT.
RECOVERY
3.67%

OTHERS
3.34%



HERE'S WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

			%
Revenue from Taxation	\$14,157,278.04		72.28
Contributions, Grants, Subsidies, Tax Equivalents Etc. (Excluding Per Capita Grant)	\$2,516,883.60		
Per Capita Grant	472,596.01	2,989,479.61	15.26
Licenses and Permits	355,977.49		1.82
Fines and Fees	198,803.03		1.01
Transferred from Reserves	513,864.80		2.62
Debt Service Costs Recovered from Boards and Commissions	718,000.69		3.67
Other	653,900.55		3.34
	\$19,587,304.21		100%

HERE'S HOW INCOME WAS SPENT

		%
General Government	\$1,709,083.88	8.73
Fire	911,913.31	4.66
Police	1,464,294.35	7.48
Other Protection of Persons and Property— Law Enforcement, Street Lighting, etc. ..	887,924.53	4.53
Public Works, Sanitation, Garbage and Rubbish Disposal	1,629,577.33	8.32
Conservation of Health	459,089.58	2.35
Social Welfare and Child Assistance	2,672,212.05	13.64
Education	4,824,012.62	24.63
Parks Recreation and Community Services	891,075.49	4.55
Debt Service Costs	2,644,789.13	13.50
Reserves	1,110,961.20	5.67
Other	382,370.74	1.94
	\$19,587,304.21	100%

AND USED FOR THESE PURPOSES:

GENERAL GOV'T.	FIRE	POLICE	PUBLIC WORKS	HEALTH AND WELFARE	EDUCATION	PARKS & REC'R.N.	DEBT	LIGHTING	CONSERVATION OF HEALTH	RESERVES	OTHERS
8.73%	4.66%	7.48%	8.32%	13.64%	24.63%	4.55%	13.5%	4.53%	2.35%	5.67%	1.94%





HURON LODGE

CITY OF WINDSOR PRIDE IN PROGRESS



PUBLIC WORKS



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